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ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF HEALTH.

{ OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,  
{ Springfield, \_\_\_\_\_ 1884.

MY DEAR SIR:

Accompanying this I send you a copy of the Fifth Annual Report of the STATE BOARD OF HEALTH, and ask your attention to the first pages of the Summary Report of the BOARD; to pages 214-216 of the Appendix; to the Tables, Notes and Comments, beginning on page 221—and especially to Tables VI., VII., VIII. and IX.; to the chapter on Vaccination of School-Children, pages 369-460; and to the chapter on The Relations of Small-Pox and Vaccination, beginning on page 483.

Your especial attention is also asked to the paragraph beginning at the bottom of the second page of the accompanying circular, concerning the Vaccination of School-Children. The facts and figures contained in these publications will, it is hoped, increase your interest in the effort to protect the public-school children of the State from this loathsome disease. Notwithstanding the amount of work done in this direction under the stimulus of the recent epidemic prevalence of small pox, there are still a large number of children in the State, susceptible to the disease—either wholly unvaccinated, or not revaccinated at the proper interval. The fall months are especially favorable for the operation; and it is better, in every respect, to vaccinate when there is no epidemic tendency.

In accordance with the resolution of the BOARD at its July (1884) meeting—directing the Secretary “to push the further enforcement of the School Vaccination Order of the BOARD, so that all new scholars, and those who have not heretofore fully complied with its provisions, may be properly protected against Small-Pox before the advent of cold weather”—I send you herewith, copies of the Circular containing necessary instructions to School-Boards and Teachers; of blank forms for Return of Vaccination Certificates; and of Scholars' Certificates of Vaccination.

These are furnished in sufficient number to supply each school in your County with the Circulars and Returns; and with Certificates for unprotected children.

Will you please see to their proper distribution, and supplement the printed instructions by such action and counsel as your intimate knowledge of the situation in your own County may indicate to be necessary. The expense of postage for such distribution will be reimbursed on receipt of a statement of the amount.

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Very respectfully,

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Secretary.

To the Hon. \_\_\_\_\_

County Superintendent of Schools,

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County, Ill.

N. B.—In forwarding the Vaccination Returns to this office one two cent postage stamp will answer for a package. Any amount due, in excess of this, will be paid here.



